

# **The Town of Danville Highway Department uses Better Road Funds to repair erosion issues on Thaddeus Stevens Road**

The Town of Danville Highway Department, along with funds from a V-Trans program called Better Roads, improved a section Thaddeus Stevens Road. The program is designed not only to assist highway crews financially but to train crews on the best management practices when dealing with storm water run-off as well. In this case a steep grade which drained directly toward Joe's Brook was a prime location for this storm water management project. The crew used a combination of stone armored ditches, check dams, additional cross culverts and berm removal to control and dissipate the storm water's energy to reduce downward erosion and reduce the transportation of sediment into Joe's Brook. Resurfacing the road was also included in the project, as well as tree and brush removal, allowing space to create ditches and lead outs. The Thaddeus Stevens Road Project was completed by the road crew and is estimated at over \$53,000 and will receive \$20,000 in Better Roads funds. In addition to the construction, the Town is also finishing up a long term planning grant through Better Roads which looks at up to 10 other locations in Town that have had or continue to have erosion issues. This planning grant designs, estimates costs and prioritizes future repair projects which the Town can use for budgeting in the future. This plan is a collaboration with the Road Crew and the Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District. The Better Roads Program has increased the funds available and in some categories doubled amounts to Towns to combat the introduction of phosphorus into our water ways causing algae blooms and other sediment issues. The Town looks forward to working with The Better Roads Program in the future.